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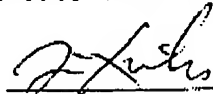
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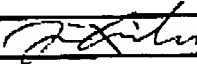
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This is in response to the September 20, 2005 Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment ("Notice") in the above-identified application. Applicants are filing this reply before the expiration of the one-month period for reply – October 20, 2005. Accordingly, this reply is timely filed.

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